



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANTS: Roubenoff et al.  
SERIAL NUMBER: 10/020,634 EXAMINER: Kwon, Brian Yong S.  
FILING DATE: December 14, 2001 ART UNIT: 1614  
FOR: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR TREATING AN ARTHRITIC CONDITION

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed on September 9, 2005 in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before March 9, 2006. A check in the amount of \$1,020.00 in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21629-004. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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